

San Diego DX Club San Diego



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April program: Hans, AE6XG, will present his experiences as a United Nations expert on loan from the Swiss Government to restore communication in the Congo from 1962 to 1964



Join us at the SIZZLER
Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
April 28, 2010
Social hour, 5:00 P.M.—Dinner, 5:30 P.M. - Meeting, 6:30 P.M



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From the Prez

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



And we thought band conditions were bad before – this past week or so saw the worst conditions since 2006. Several times I thought maybe the City of Poway had cut my coax. However, late Friday (9th), the flux dropped significantly allowing the YI to come through with a good signal even if only for a very short time. They were so strong for a brief time that several were questioning as to whether we might have a “slim” operating. A check of the log Saturday confirmed a legit operation.

I think in general the guys at YI9 did a great job under trying conditions. Not only were band conditions bad, but so were operators worldwide. Europeans were their usual obnoxious selves, perhaps more so. Jamming was at an all time high and it appeared that some of the Middle Eastern countries were upset with the operation by the comments and jamming. The greatest concern however, has been the increasingly poor operating by the U. S. hams. We used to be second only to the JA’s in operating skills and manners. Now we are rapidly joining the bad operating of Europeans. This used to be a hobby of gentlemen (and women), exemplified by manners and civility. Listening to this latest operation, I was appalled and disgusted by the lack of just plain common decency. I guess the only thing we can do as members of SDDXC is to lead by example and not fall prey to the idiocy of others.

On a brighter subject, many of us are looking forward to Visalia. It looks like a big group is going to be in attendance which makes it fun. We will give a brief report at the club meeting on the 28th.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the big Anniversary BASH on May 23rd at K6NA’s place. This should be a cooler BASH than our usual August get-together weather wise. Our DX club has been in existence for 65 years. That is quite a feat. We have had a lot of high quality folks in our ranks over the years that have helped build us to where we are today. We owe them a debt of gratitude, as well as to our members of today who keep us going into the future with “DXcellence”. To help celebrate, your Board has approved giving out commemorative large glass coffee mugs with the club’s logo. They look really great. Be sure to be at the BASH and pick one up.
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73, Wayne, NN6R

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it’s founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved “Top of the Honor Roll” status. If you’re interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow “Big Guns” or “Little Pistols”, you’ll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of March 1, 2010	3,996.25
Income:	
Membership dues	60.00
Shirt and hat purchases	489.00
Legal Fund contributions	500.29
Expenses:	
YI9PSE contribution	150.00
Speakers dinner and mug	23.41
Mug for 9K2HN	12.00
Bank balance March 1,2010	3,996.25
Petty Cash on hand	20.00
Balance checking & Petty Cash	4,880.13
Antenna Ordinance balance	-142.75

Note that shirt and hat vendor has not yet been paid.

The Legal Fund deficit was substantially reduced by a donation of \$250.00 by the Southern California DX Club and a personal donation of \$250.00 by Larry, K6YUL, President of the SCDXC.

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. President Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There were 44 members and guests present. A special welcome was extended to Ralph, K6QS and the member emeritus designation was bestowed on him. Thanks to AB6RM, KD6DUG, AF6QH, KI2HAL and K6REF for visiting as representing of the USS Midway Museum Radio Station. We were honored by the visit of Hamad, 9K2HN. We welcome W6GAK, Vivian, KI6SBL, Robert and KD6EDD, Chris as new members.

It was reported that over 85 hams signed in for the planning commission meeting on the proposed San Diego tower ordinance, The planning commission voted against the staff's recommendations. The full details are available at <http://www.sddxc.org/tower/index.htm>

Arnie, N6HC Presented the evening program, a look at the K4M DXpedition to Midway Island as a participant.

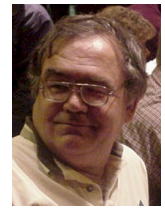
The roundtable was as interesting as ever with antenna tips, contest results, and DX worked reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leon Helms, N6VS, secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/10	4/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	328	+4
2.	2.	K6AM	40	316	316	322	+3
3.	3.	N6ND	40	201	201	319	+6
4.	5.	K6TQ	39	293	293	293	-
5.	6.	N7CW	40	200	200	272	-
6.	7.	N6CW	37	?	179	268	-
7.	-.	N6XT	39	161	161	261	NEW
8.	8.	N6AW	40	248	249	260	-
9.	9.	K6ZH	39	201	201	239	+16
10.	10.	W6YOO	33	211	211	211	+8

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/10	4/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	N6ND	40	288	298	340	+2
2.	1.	W6EUF	40	318	333	339	-
3.	3.	K6AM	40	330	336	337	-
4.	4.	N6CW	40	?	324	336	-
5.	5.	N6AW	40	318	334	334	-
6.	7.	N7CW	40	279	279	313	-
7.	8.	W6YOO	40	310	311	311	+1
8.	-.	W6YI	40	290	296	302	NEW
9.	10	K6ZH	40	276	279	297	+3
10.	-.	K0XB	40	271	275	295	NEW

The post-bottom of the sunspot cycle is not a problem for 30 meter enthusiasts. If anything, the band gets better as DX'ers the world over search for any frequency with long haul propagation. Some nice gains here from all reporters in the two years since our last list. For the second month in a row, Rick, N6ND noses out the leader to take first place, this time on 15 meters. 15 meters has sprung back to life with some good openings world wide. It only gets better, folks.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

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2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

September 17, 18 & 19, 2010

San Diego, California

Four Points Hotel Sheraton, San Diego

It's time for one of the best ARRL Conventions on the West Coast! Come see the Ham Gear and take in the sights of Sunny San Diego!

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Contact Person: Paul KC6QLS at (619) 593-9445 or Email at kc6qls@cox.net

See you at the Convention!

JAN-FEB 2011 DXPEDITION



The Microlite Penguins DXpedition team will be activating the South Orkney Islands (DXCC VP8/O, IOTA AN-008) from January 27 to February 8, 2011. Safe and reliable Antarctic transportation has been secured by the experienced RV Braveheart, and activity will be on all HF bands 160m-10m using SSB, CW and RTTY.

SDDXC's 65th Birthday Party

Afternoon barbeque at K6NA's QTH Sunday May 23rd from 11:30 to 5:00

Menu:

Club-supplied hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, plates and cups

[If you prefer a steak, feel free to bring and cook it]

Tom will be the chef-in-charge

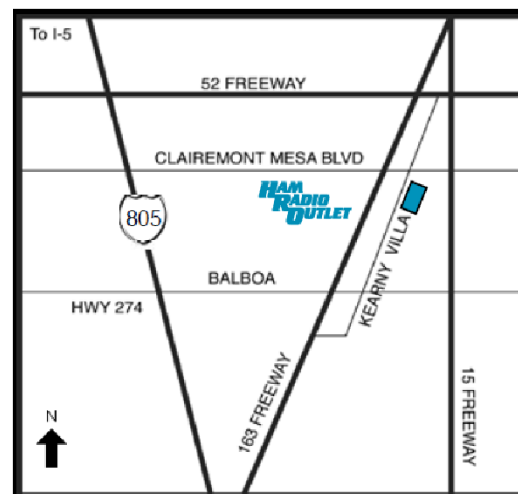
Pot lock by attendees is based on the **suffix** of your call sign

A-H = appetizer I-P = side dishes Q-Z = dessert

Drinks: beer & wine, soda, water, coffee

May Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ-M International DX Test	8-May	1200Z	9-May	1159Z
UN DX Contest	22-May	1200Z	23-May	1200Z
CQ WW WPX Contest CW	29-May	0000Z	30-May	2359Z



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